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I am writing to acknowledge your several phone calls to and conversations with EPA New England staff regarding issues relating to the former Boulter Farm site in Cumberland, Rhode Island. As you know, the EPA Superfund Site Assessment program was involved with this site for a number of years. The goal of the Superfund Site Assessment program is to perform preliminary evaluations at potential hazardous waste sites to determine whether further Superfund involvement is warranted. This program does not attempt to fully evaluate, assess, or remediate sites. During the time of EPA's active involvement at this site, a Preliminary Assessment was completed in 1981, a Site Inspection in 1989, a follow up Site Inspection in 1998, and most recently an Expanded Site Investigation was completed in 2004. Each of these investigations noted the release, or potential for release of hazardous substances onsite and recommended continued investigation and possible remedial action. Following the most recent and comprehensive investigation in 2004, EPA and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) agreed that the state would assume the role of lead regulatory agency overseeing investigation and cleanup of the site. Since this decision, the EPA Superfund Site Assessment program has had no active involvement at this site.

You have raised a number of concerns about this site. One issue relates to additional site information you have discovered that was not included in EPA's Superfund Site Assessment program's site investigation reports. As I have explained and as presented in each of EPA's reports, a determination has already been made regarding potential hazardous waste issues at this site. New information confirming the presence of additional wastes or additional areas of contamination would not alter our previous conclusion that continued investigation and possible remedial action are warranted.

Prompted by your inquiries, EPA has reviewed the status of this site, the issues you have raised, and the steps being taken to address environmental and human health threats posed by the known releases. Our conclusion is that there is no need for further federal Superfund program involvement at this time. We remain confident, through our communications with the RI DEM, that appropriate steps are being taken to address the site under state program authority, and so the RI DEM will remain the lead regulatory agency overseeing investigation and cleanup of this site. Further inquiries into issues relating to the site should be directed to the RI DEM Project Manager, Mr. Louis Maccarone. Mr. Maccarone may be reached at (401) 222-2797 or by e-mail at Louis.Maccarone@DEM.RI.gov.

Thank you for your inquiries regarding this site.

Sincerely,

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